

June 11, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC Request for Modification of its
Authority for an Ancillary Terrestrial Component; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this comment on the issue noted above. As a small business operator in Maine, I currently pay way too much for business Internet with Time Warner Cable. Worse, when I recently began working as an independent representative with the ACN company, I discovered that most of the "standard" services we offer are not even available in Maine. I couldn't believe the state of Maine was so far behind others, and companies monopolize a majority of the state with their services. They abuse the public and business consumer, and the public and business consumer, like myself, have no other choices. This is not, by the way, in what most would consider a "rural" area, but part of the Portland Metro area.

I would not pretend to be a technology expert, because I'm not, but I do know we need increased broadband competition to bring down prices and increase economic growth. From all indications, the LightSquared 4G network is really the only truly new system on the horizon, and in an era of consolidation it seems the best chance for real competition. I know that Maine as a state and the U.S. as a country cannot expect to compete in the global economy without getting our act together in terms of the Internet, Cable TV, Electricity and Gas.

I'm sure that the satellite component of the LightSquared network is of primary interest to many advocates of the system. Certainly having the ability to operate even when current systems are disabled is important. But for many of us in the state of Maine, the urgent need is for faster and cheaper daily Internet and other utilities as quickly as possible.

Thank you and the commission for the opportunity to comment on this vital issue.

Sincerely,



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